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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) John M. Guynn.

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Date of Interview: 26 April 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-23.

Identification of prior art discussed: Lewis et al. (US Pat. 4,950,271; Fletcher (US Pat. 3,869,932)).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The Applicant's representative discussed his position regarding utilizing a pulley wheel as taught by Fletcher in the device of Lewis et al. He reasoned that the spring biasing mechanism as disclosed by Fletcher would destroy the functionality of the device of Lewis et al. and that there would be no reason for someone of ordinary skill in the art to have added the spring biasing mechanism to the device of Lewis et al, since the wheel disclosed by Lewis et al. is used primarily as a guide for the suture, and there would be no need to have the expanding capability as taught by Fletcher. All arguments will be submitted in a formal response and will be fully considered by the Examiner.